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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 20, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application. As the shortened statutory period for response expires on January 20, 2007, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.